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CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-4

Please MODIFY this section as follows:

~~"What I claim as my invention is an improvement for a paintball gun barrel (or like device) that will remove and clear paintball debris and contents associated with the rupturing of a paintball, or a paintball like projectile, from the firing path of subsequent projectiles; comprising:"~~

~~with:~~

~~I, the inventor, claim:~~

5.(NEW) A paintball gun barrel modification comprising of:

- A. a plurality of openings that are machined, cast, molded or otherwise incorporated in and that are spaced at about the circumference of an enclosed elongated barrel assembly; and that are located in the projectile path and sized to limit the exhausting of gas associated with the discharge of the weapon and to allow for the expelling of the skin and internal material of a ruptured paintball.

Whereby the cleaning of the barrel after a paintball ruptures is accomplished by discharging the weapon in normal game play, which causes the CO2 blast to evacuate the debris through the openings.

6.(NEW) A paintball gun barrel modification comprising of:

- A. a plurality of openings that are machined, cast, molded or otherwise incorporated in and that are spaced at about the circumference of an enclosed elongated barrel assembly; and that are located in the projectile path and sized to accommodate a substantial portion of the skin and internal material of a ruptured paintball, and
B. a cover device or mechanism that enclose said openings under normal operating conditions, hindering the escape of gases and in the event a paint ball ruptures the paintball materials themselves.

7.(NEW) Said Paintball gun barrel modification of claim #6 wherein said cover is held in place during game play by a o-ring or other hardware as to not allow for unintentional movement of the device or mechanism.

Whereby the player may increase game-time by clearing the ruptured paintball skin and inner material at his/her convenience with no greater noise level than would be associated with an unmodified barrel.